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WEATHER

TODAY
AM Clouds/PM Sun
High: 60, Low: 35



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High: 44, Low: 28

Living in a transgender world

Q&A clears up confusion in terms of gender

By **Freddy Hunt**
Assistant City Editor

If Uncle Bill wants to become a woman — well, actually he's always been a woman, she's just stuck in a man's body — which public restroom will she use? What about her facial hair? Will she have surgery? And if she still likes women, is she a lesbian?

These are some of the questions raised by three children in a film shown at yesterday's workshop, Transgender, Allies and Social Change. The name of the film is "No Dumb Questions," which would have also been an appropriate title for the workshop since Joelle Ruby Ryan encour-

aged any and all questions. Ryan, founder of Transcendence, the University based transgender support group, said workshops will be held throughout the week to further educate people on transgendered people and the obstacles they must overcome.

"Everybody asks, 'Why?', but nobody asks, 'Why are people heterosexual or gender normative?'" Ryan said. "The real question is, 'Why do we live in a world that won't accept people for being themselves?'"

It is important to educate society on the difficulties transgen-

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Vigil held to remember trans-violence

By **Theresa Scott**
Reporter

Last night a group of about 20 students, faculty and community members gathered in the Gish Film Theater to remember the 15 people who were killed this year due to transphobic violence. Pictures and names of those killed were lined along the front of the stage where people and visitors were encouraged to read their stories.

The event, sponsored by Transcendence, served as the

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TRANSGENDER AWARENESS DAYS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY

7:30 p.m.

Keynote Address: Sile Singleton. "The Rhetoric of the Rainbow."
202a BTSU

THURSDAY

2:30 p.m.

"Transgender Perspectives: The Legal, the Educational, and the Lived Experience."
201 BTSU

7:30 p.m.

Film Screening: "A Girl Like Me: The Gwen Araujo Story."
308 BTSU

FRIDAY

Noon - 2:00 p.m.

Regular Transcendence meeting and lunch workshop with Wile Singleton in the Union.

9:30 p.m.

Gender Play Cabaret 3: Dragsters, Folkies and Slammers.
Falcons Nest in the Union

SATURDAY

12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Pizza lunch
Campus Pollyeyes.

Cheap junk food affects healthy eating



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How well we eat versus how much we pay

By **Andy Ouriel**
Reporter

Greasy and fattening foods in dining halls can be a tasty option for many students, but price is often the determining factor on what students choose to eat.

On average, including dining services at the University, healthier foods like fruits, vegetables, salads and grilled chicken are more expensive than unhealthy, fatty foods.

For example, a piece of pizza or a hamburger costs less than \$2 in dining halls, a small bowl containing salad or fruit costs almost double the price.

Students like Freshman Brittney Shelton feel they should eat whatever is the most cost efficient to satisfy hunger.

"I judge [hunger] off whatever I want," Shelton said. "I pass up vegetables for pizza because it's filling and it costs less."

As this semester is almost completed, many students like Shelton are running out of money on their meal plans and have to save as much as possible. This means more students will undercut themselves and end up purchasing unhealthy foods.

The University has no control over higher prices as the agricultural economy dictates the amount to charge for fruits and vegetables.

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Definition of marriage a hot topic

By **Kristen Vasas**
Reporter

Marriage in the United States was the primary topic discussed during the Campus Crossfire Debate, a political discussion hosted by Undergraduate Student Government last night.

The majority of the panelists, made up of representatives from the College Democrats, College Republicans, VISION and Catholic Newman Club, felt that marriage should be defined as a union between two consenting adults.

"The definition of marriage will ultimately be decided by the majority of the people, as long as it is lawfully defined," President Mark Ingles of the College Democrats said. "But the majority is not always right."

However, definitions of legal marriage ranged among the panelists.

"If there's two people that love each other, that want to spend the rest of their lives together, who want the benefits — that's the definition of marriage to me," said Jessica Tucker, the president of VISION.

But Quinten Wise, the vice-chairman of the College Republicans, offered a different view of governmentally recognized marriage.

"From a government standpoint, marriage is looked at as a result of subsidiaries given to legally married couples," he said. "The government plans on getting something in return from



By **Alexandria Clark**
Reporter

Imagine walking into a nursing home and seeing elderly women crocheting or knitting plaid sweaters and scarves for their grandchildren for Christmas stocking stuffers.

Now imagine a group of college students crocheting and knitting blankets in their residence halls while watching television and talking with friends.

Warm Up BG is a service organization that started three years ago Kreischer with a resident sitting in her room knitting and crocheting.

The service organization is made up of 50 students, in which 25 people regularly attend meetings at 7:30 p.m. every other Thursday.

The president, senior Ashley Albertson, said last year she taught herself how to crochet in her dorm and she learned how to knit in high school.

"When I attended Campus Fest and I saw the organization outside and one of the officers was crocheting and I said to her 'I do that too,'" Albertson said. "And ever since then I joined the organization."

Last semester the organization made 20 blankets that went to homeless shelters, battered women shelters and churches all over the area of Ohio.

Some of the blankets were donated last year to Cherry Street Mission in Toledo, Hope House in Findlay. Hospice and members of the group use

Homemade warmth sent to help those in need

Students gather weekly to knit and crochet for the greater good

their own cars to drive to the shelters to give the blankets.

"As an organization we are doing a service to the community because people are down and out of their luck sitting in the homeless shelters and living off of minimum wage," she said. "And when they receive something that took time they really do care and they feel that they aren't going through times alone."

Being part of this organization, Albertson said, has really become an eye opener for her and has prepared her for the professional world when she goes to graduate school for social work.

"I remember I drove to Hope House this summer and I saw a mother with her son, who just turned one years old," she said. "He crawled into the room where all the blankets were and went through each of them and picked out which one he wanted and he was so thrilled to have the blanket and his mom really appreciated it."

In the beginning of the semester the members of Warm Up BG crochet and knit hats and scarves and sell the items in the Union in October to

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CITY BRIEF

Robbery suspects caught

The two suspects in last week's bank robbery on North Main Street were arrested in Kentucky late this afternoon after allegedly robbing a pharmacy.

Joel Kenneth Westfall, 27, and Marijane R. Tripp, 20, both of Bowling Green, Ohio, were arrested by police in Bowling Green, Ky., after Westfall entered a pharmacy with a handgun and demanded Oxytocin from an employee, according to police in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Westfall and Tripp fled from the pharmacy and were caught by police a few blocks away in a car with Tennessee plates. Police searched the vehicle and found the drugs taken from the pharmacy, a large amount of cash, a set of Michigan and Ohio license plates and a black BB gun.

Westfall will face robbery charges in Kentucky before he is returned to Bowling Green, Ohio, where he is wanted on charges of aggravated robbery and making a terrorist threat. Local police say he made bomb threats to Bowling Green City Schools on Friday to divert police away from his robbery of the Huntington Bank branch on North Main Street.

Yesterday, local authorities announced Tripp was also being sought in connection to the robbery. Police raided Tripp's apartment Friday evening, where Westfall had been staying. The raid turned up evidence that Tripp had prior knowledge of the bank robbery before it occurred, said Lt. Ken Fortney of Bowling Green, Ohio police.

Westfall has reportedly confessed to investigators in Kentucky to the robberies in both states. Tripp also reportedly confessed to assisting Westfall in the crimes.



Kenneth Westfall



Marijane R. Tripp

CAMPUS BRIEF

Mock Trial team places third at tournament in Pennsylvania

The BGSU Mock Trial team placed well at a tournament last weekend.

The team earned third place out of the 32 teams participating in the Quaker Classic Mock Trial Tournament at the University of Pennsylvania.

The Mock Trial team beat teams from Princeton, University of Minnesota and Penn State.

In addition to the third place finish, Allison Smith, one of the team's attorneys, won an award as a Top Ten Attorney from a field of 130 others who participated in the tournament.

Shannon Rawski and Bethany Nanamaker also earned BGSU two Top Ten witnesses out of the 160 participating in the tournament.

Mock Trial Coach M. Neil Browne said this year's team is building on the success the team has had over the last few years.

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VIGIL

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beginning of Transgender Awareness Days, a week long series of events dedicated to raise awareness for transgender issues.

Amanda Monyak, secretary for Transcendence, said that the event was meant to honor the victims of violence and to try to stop future hate crimes.

Transgender Day of Remembrance was developed in 1999 in remembrance of Rita Hester who was murdered on November 28, 1998. The evening began with a memorial video for Hester followed by testimonials from guest speakers.

Violence still remains a threat for transgender people, said president Joseph Aufenthine.

The risk that the average person has of being murdered is 1 in 18,000, while the risk for transgender people to be murdered is 1 in 12.

"I am devastated by the brutality of the murders that all trans-people face," Monyak said. "Innocent people were taken because someone refused to see that gender was fluid."

Monyak spoke about the recent decision to withdraw transgender issues from the Equal Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) which was passed by the House of Representatives on November 7th and guarantees employment non-discrimination for gay, lesbian and bisexual employees.

"I feel this is a very sad example of how trans discrimination is enacted," Monyak said.

The event was designed as a

memorial but also to express anger against violence, lecturer Julie Haught said.

"We are here tonight to make sure that these lives are not forgotten or erased or airbrushed out of history," Haught said. "We reject the dehumanization that is at the root of all hate crimes and gather not only to express our sadness and grief, but also to address our anger and rage."

Marlene Bomer, community liaison for Transcendence, encouraged all in attendance to become involved in activism and support.

"Everybody needs to get involved," Bomer said. "It takes our allies as well so please be an ally."

Both Joelle Ryan, who established Transcendence and organized the first Day of Remembrance in 2003, and

Aufenthine expressed sadness that there remains a need for the Day of Remembrance to be held.

"Every year I wish this event would end, but it cannot because people are still being killed by trans-violence," Ryan said.

The evening ended with a candlelight vigil for the 374 reported deaths, and those that went unreported, that were a result of violence in the past three decades. Aufenthine expressed anger at the number of people who were remembered this year.

"These are all people who had potential, who could have made a difference, who could have had a life and now its just gone," Aufenthine said. "And why? Because they were different?"

BLOTTER

MONDAY

7:40 A.M.

Someone went through an unlocked vehicle on Fourth Street overnight. Nothing was taken.

9:08 A.M.

After 4 a.m., someone broke into a vehicle on Fairview Avenue causing \$150 in damage. A DVD/CD player, valued at \$750, an amplifier, valued at \$450, and two speakers, each valued at \$550, were all taken from the vehicle.

9:55 A.M.

Two stethoscopes, valued at \$150 each, were taken from a doctor's office on West Wooster Street.

4:54 P.M.

Kevin Michael Palmgren, 21, of Clearfield, Penn., was cited for soliciting with out a permit for walking down Evergreen Drive in a hooded sweatshirt and beanie cap, knocking on doors.

11:24 P.M.

Julie A. Rode, 19, of Bowling Green, Alison Kohler, of Elizabethtown, Penn., and Philip Walp, of Perrysburg, Ohio, were each arrested for drug abuse for smoking marijuana in a car on Kenwood Avenue. Kohler was also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia after she admitted to owning the glass pipe being used to smoke the marijuana.

ONLINE: Go to www.bgnews.com for the complete blotter list.

GENDER

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der people face to gain allies and also because some people will go their whole lives unhappily living a secret, suppressing their identity, Ryan said.

Marlene Bomer, community liaison for Transcendence, said nothing felt better than when she came out and started living outwardly as she felt inside.

"Hello world this is who I am and if you don't like it, tough!" Bomer said sternly. "There's one person that I'm going to worry about and that is myself. If you

don't like it, fine, just don't beat me up for it. I'm going to be myself."

There are many colleges and universities nationwide that have included gender identity and expression in their non-discriminatory policies, which would protect gender expression, but BGSU is not one of them.

Although Ryan said there is lots of support at the University, from USG, Faculty Senate and the Student Senate, a policy must be approved by the Board of Trustees in order for it to be implemented.

Ryan said she believes the Board of Trustees has looked at

a proposal but has not yet taken any actions.

According to the 2006 Gender Equality National Index for Universities and Schools, Ohio University, The Ohio State University and Ohio Western Reserve University are the only schools in Ohio that have adopted inclusive policies for transgender students.

A policy isn't the only thing missing in Northwest Ohio.

Columbus, Cleveland and Cincinnati all have a Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender center, Bomer said Northwest Ohio does not. She said the University does have a LGBT resource cen-

ter on campus but it is small.

Joe Aufenthine, president of Transcendence, said one of this week's goals is to build the transgender community on campus and in the city.

"It is important to create the 'T' community, to come together and pay respect to those who have passed away for the cause and to come together with other groups on campus and gain support," Aufenthine said.

Last night members and supporters of Transcendence did just that by hosting a candlelight vigil at the Gish Theatre followed by a reception at The Women's Center.

HEALTH

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Daria Blachowski-Dreyer, nutrition initiative manager for University Dining Services says things like natural disasters and droughts have huge effects on price increases for healthier foods.

"The market is volatile," Blachowski-Dreyer said. "We don't raise and lower prices toward the market because the last three years food has gone up in price."

Other factors like the cost of transportation and fuel drive the prices up for fruits, vegetables and grains to be delivered to the

University.

Even at grocery markets, prices for healthier options are substantially more than the alternatives.

Something like a gallon of Kroger-brand milk is \$3.19, while an equivalent drink like a 2 liter of Pepsi (\$1.69) or Cherry Juicy Juice (\$2.39) is cheaper and more attractive to a budget stricken student.

Sales associate for Kroger, Derek Earl, would like to see a dramatic change to the higher prices of healthy foods.

"I think America should be focused to make more efficient foods at lower costs," Earl said. "Why go to Kroger to buy a healthy meal for three or four bucks when you could go to Burger King for

one buck? Everyone wants to go the cheaper route."

By working in a grocery market, Earl sees a trend of people being turned off by higher prices of produce, thus going for a different route of a quick and cheap meal.

"There is obesity in America because of fast food chains and unhealthy food sources. It is so cheap to buy," he said.

Even though Blachowski-Dreyer says the amount of healthy and unhealthy choices are equal, with the salad bar constituting a great portion of the healthy food, the look of it can drive away students.

"They offer enough options, but not enough appealing options."

HEALTHY	UNHEALTHY
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Shelton said. "[The] Mac salad bar does not look appetizing. It's all about presentation."

Many students like Shelton go for more attractive looking food, but it might not lead them to smart decision making regarding living a healthy lifestyle.

College is a place for students to make the right choices about their lives, but its starts with small, simple ones like choosing

what to eat.

"People should be more conscious of what [they] are eating," Earl said.

But most times when money is involved and students like Shelton have to maintain a budget, there is only one choice.

"You don't have the money to spend," she said. "[You are] pretty much stuck with the unhealthy option."

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Search begins for perfect off-campus housing

By Kristin McKissic
Reporter

Students do not have to sign a lease right away, but it is recommended to start shopping for off-campus housing early.

"Shop around and look at all options in BG, visit apartments and know where you want to live. Know what you're paying for, ask people living there now what they pay, ask about problems with landlords," said Chris Ostrowski, president of the Wood County Apartment Association.

Apartment complexes fill up differently every year depending on the demand and the amount of students who are eligible to live off-campus.

Depending on the amenities, some apartments fill up faster than others. Some students look for their own bathroom, while others only care about having their own room.

Sophomore Dwight James, who plans to live off-campus next school year, said he has already started looking for apartments. He wants his own bathroom and a larger room.

"I'm going to be older and I don't want to live in the dorm. I want my own spot," James said.

Some students currently living off-campus also thought about issues like these while selecting an apartment complex.

"I thought about the loca-

"I recommend you sign a lease as soon as you find a place you like..."

Chris Ostrowski |
President of the Wood County
Apartment Association

tion, the rent and the bill[s] that we have to pay ourselves, like the utilities," junior Marilyn Lynch, who resides in Summit Terrace, said.

Ostrowski said students should watch what they are paying for. "I recommend you

sign a lease as soon as you find a place you like, after you look at all your options. So shop early. If you wait too long the selection will narrow," he said.

Lynch also said students should consider additional services like whether or not the apartment complex offers a shuttle to campus.

"If someone doesn't have a car this would be an important thing to look for," Lynch said.

However, prices, location and apartment size should not only be considered when choosing an apartment. Another aspect of living off-campus is having a roommate.

"Find someone you know you're going to be compat-

ible with. Sometimes you know someone a month and think you want to live together and it doesn't work out," Ostrowski said.

Lynch plans to remain living off-campus.

"I think it's a good opportunity to live off-campus once you reach a certain point where you don't want to live on-campus anymore. I would recommend it because it's a nice alternative to dorms. It may give you a better sense of maturity," she said.

Students who have questions concerning off-campus housing are encouraged to e-mail the Wood County Apartment Association at wcaahio@hotmail.com.

USG

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married men and women through their offspring, whether it be in political, financial or economic terms."

In response to this view, Ingles compared the idea of "offspring governmental benefits" to a traditional couple that is unable to reproduce.

"The whole offspring idea is just bogus," he said. "In terms of that explanation, it means sterile couples and those that adopt cannot get married."

This idea was quickly countered by Wise, who said that if a homosexual marriage were to become legal, other forms of marriage would eventually be legalized as well.

"There is definitely a possibility of this law passing," he said. "If that happens, then soon people will be able to marry horses or have four partners in one relationship. That's why it needs to focus on a man and a woman."

However, Tucker felt that even if the law was modified to include different forms of marriage, it would still be beneficial to those fighting for LGBT equality rights.

"I'll admit, change is scary," she said. "But if we were to change how many adults were allowed in one marriage, it wouldn't personally affect me and I'm sure it wouldn't affect a lot of other people too. Many people can't even handle being married to one other person, let alone four or five."

However, Ingles felt that allowing homosexual marriage would not lead to any confusion of the law.

"I don't understand the slippery slope argument," he said. "Marriage between a gay couple is clear as day. We're not marrying pigs, not marrying horses and polygamists need not apply."

Josh Mocek, the co-president of the Catholic Newman Club, felt that the issue of gay marriage was one that will be looked at humorously in future years.

"Why is this even an issue?" he said. "Do we want people to live a life of sin, of happiness or of ideals? As long as the family is loving, it shouldn't matter what sex the couple is."

Although marriage in the U.S. took precedent, affirmative action, universal health care and the free market in China were also issues discussed by the panel.

First week ends for hunger strike

By Dan Amzallag, Joshua Chambers & Laura Schreiber
U-Wire

NEW YORK — Protesters rebuffed an attempt by administrators to reach out to the hunger strikers Monday night as the demonstrations closed in on the end of their first week.

For the first time on Monday, administrators held a meeting about the substance of the hunger strikers' protest. The strikers articulate demands that participants say have existed for years, including diversification of the Core Curriculum and an expansion of ethnic studies and multicultural resources.

In a statement to the hunger strikers, later released publicly, Austin Quigley, dean of Columbia College, and Nicholas Dirks, vice president for Arts and Sciences, directly addressed the strikers' demands. The statement primarily touted efforts that the university was already making in areas of concern to the striking students, such as citing \$20 million in investments currently being

made in the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race as a result of meetings with students that have taken place since the spring.

In the statement and elsewhere, administrators stressed their desire to see a quick end to the strike.

"I certainly don't want these meetings to drag on with long intervals between them, because we have students out there who are starving themselves," Provost Alan Brinkley said.

Strikers reacted coolly to the meetings. While noting that the statement marked "advancements ... that address critical issues of critical reforms," Ryan Fukumori, a negotiator for the hunger strikers, said, "Basically, they haven't conceded anything yet."

He added, "They argue that things need to be prolonged when the very fact is that people are starving on South Lawn."

In response to student demands for 12 new professors in both the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race and the Institute for Research in African American Studies over the next several

years, Quigley and Dirks stated the University was pursuing three faculty hires in CSER and one in IRAS.

Regarding proposed changes to the Core Curriculum, administrators invited negotiators to attend yesterday's meeting of the Committee on the Core but stressed that "the faculty are in charge of the academic curriculum."

Strikers have also demanded an expansion of the Office of Multicultural Affairs. The University has hired an outside consulting firm to conduct "a review of OMA and its services" in which "a wide range of student voices" will be incorporated.

"The administration's offers echoed conciliatory language of past negotiations that often failed to resolve the crux of students' grievances," representatives for the ad-hoc coalition of which the hunger strikers are a part said in a statement Monday night. "Students will continue to meet daily with administrators until a compromise on the demands is reached."

Fire-safe cigarette bill introduced in Wisconsin

By Richie Rathsack
U-Wire

MADISON, Wis. — A bill aiming to make only certified fire-safe cigarettes available for sale in Wisconsin was introduced into the Senate Monday.

Fire-safe cigarettes are made with a special wrapping that contains rings allowing less oxygen to get to the burning material. These rings force the cigarette to extinguish itself if a smoker is not puffing on it.

Josh Wescott, spokesperson for Sen. Judy Robson, D-Beloit, said the legislation should not meet much resistance because self-extinguishing cigarettes are not very different than normal cigarettes.

"It's just a different type of paper they are wrapped in," Wescott said. "There should be no impact to the smokers except for smoking a safer cigarette — if there is such a thing."

Wisconsin currently has no laws pertaining to cigarettes and fire safety.

Cigarette-related fires are the leading cause of home fire fatalities in the United States, killing 700 to 900 people annually, according to the Coalition for Fire-Safe Cigarettes Web site.

According to CFSC, 25 percent of the victims of fires started by

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Josh Wescott | Spokesperson for Sen. Judy Robson

cigarettes are not smokers. Of these nonsmoker deaths, 34 percent are the children of smokers, 25 percent are neighbors or friends, 14 percent are spouses or partners and 13 percent are parents.

The standard for a cigarette to be certified fire-safe "requires that not more than 25 percent of the cigarettes tested may exhibit full-length burns," according to the proposed bill.

If passed, the bill would hold cigarette manufacturers responsible for having their products meet burning guidelines if they wish to sell in Wisconsin.

The cigarette manufacturers, Wescott said, would also be required to present a copy of the safety certification to any vendors who sell the cigarettes and print it on the cigarette packaging.

Wescott said he expects the legislation to pass, as he does not see much opposition to the bill.

"Every day without it is a day we could have reduced the risk of fires," Wescott said. "Hopefully it gets passed in this session. It's pretty non-confrontational."

Connie Olson, executive director of Community Action for Tobacco-Free Living, has expressed support for the legislation, but added she thinks the name is misleading.

"I think it should be established statewide, although I would change the wording from fire-safe to self-extinguishing because no cigarette is safe," Olson said.

Tobacco companies are also supportive of the bill, Wescott said, as R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company announced Oct. 31 it would start producing only fire-safe cigarettes.

If the bill passes, Wescott said there would be a process of adjustment to filter out the old cigarettes, rather than an abrupt change to the new ones.

"There will be a reasonable

phasing period," Wescott said. "The Department of Commerce will oversee the process so that retailers don't have to just throw their cigarettes in the garbage."

University of Wisconsin business professor Rodney Stevenson said fire-safe cigarettes will probably not have a drastic effect on tobacco companies.

"It might be just a reasonable service in place for safety, kind of like exit signs are," Stevenson said.

Stevenson added the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company changed their view on fire-safe cigarettes because of the increase in the number of smoking bans being passed by legislators around the country.

"I think that they are fairly astute at watching where the politics are going," Stevenson said. "It would behoove the cigarette companies to be ahead of the curve instead of being dragged kicking and screaming."

The bill sets noncompliance penalties for people or manufacturers ranging from \$10,000 per violation for selling regular cigarettes wholesale, to either \$500 or \$1,000 for retail sales depending on the total number of sales.

Florida students listing oddities

By Hilary Lehman
U-Wire

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Students in the market for an eyelash, a stormtrooper costume or a faux boyfriend may not need to look further than their computers.

All are available on the Facebook Marketplace in the University of Florida network.

Marketplace, Facebook's "self-service application for listing items for sale, housing for rent, jobs available, and so on," allows users to post advertisements for free and list ads on their networks.

While most students use Marketplace for its intended purpose -- more than 4,000 items are listed for sale at UF -- some post advertisements for less traditional items than furniture and books.

Beatriz Alemar, a UF marketing senior, created a listing in the "Other" section, looking for a gym buddy to attend Southwest Recreation Center with her five nights a week for two hours a night.

Aleamar only received two responses, neither of which worked out. She said she thinks if her requirements had been more flexible, she would have gotten more responses.

Unlike Alemar, other students create listings for items without expecting responses.

Derek Butts, a UF freshman, created a listing advertising his services as a "Personal Singing Friend."

For \$15, Butts will sing any song except for "that new Britney Spears song," the ad stated.

Butts said he and some friends were trying to think of something "you wouldn't normally see on a Facebook listing."

Although his ad wasn't serious and received no response, Butts said he would consider being a personal singing buddy if it paid well.

Corey Squires, a UF anthropology junior, created a listing in the "For Sale" section of Marketplace, titled "\$5 — my virginity."

Squires said he made the ad out of boredom as a joke. Squires has received almost no feedback to the ad except for a \$1 offer from a male friend.

Clinton campaign stop in Iowa offered 'canned' questions

By Patrick Caldwell
U-Wire

GRINNELL, Iowa — The Iowa caucuses are known for their "living-room chats" where ordinary Iowans can meet candidates face-to-face and talk about what interests voters. When candidates have larger events or make major policy speeches, the crowds are bigger, but there is often still an opportunity for questions. But under the pressures of major media coverage, with polls narrowing in Iowa, campaigns can potentially control questions and coverage by planning questions ahead of time.

While no campaigns admit to this practice, at a recent Hillary Clinton campaign event in Newton, Iowa, some of the

"One of the senior staffers told me what [to ask]."

Muriel Gallo-Chasanoff | Student

questions posed to the New York Senator were planned in advance, planting some audience members in the crowd.

On Tuesday Nov. 6, the Clinton campaign stopped at a biodiesel plant in Newton as part of a weeklong series of events to introduce her new energy plan. The event was clearly intended to be as much about the press as the Iowa voters in attendance, as a large press corps helped fill the small venue. Reporters from many major national news outlets came to the small Iowa town, from such media giants as The New York Times, Los Angeles Times, the Associated

Press and CNN.

After her speech, Clinton accepted questions. But according to Grinnell College student Muriel Gallo-Chasanoff, some of the questions from the audience were planned in advance.

"They were canned," she said. Before the event began, a Clinton staff member approached Gallo-Chasanoff to ask a specific question after Clinton's speech.

"One of the senior staffers told me what [to ask]," she said.

Clinton called on Gallo-Chasanoff after her speech to ask a question: What Clinton would do to stop the effects of

global warming. Clinton began her response by noting that young people often pose this question to her before delving into the benefits of her plan.

But the source of the question was no coincidence — at this event "they wanted a question from a college student," Gallo-Chasanoff said.

She also noted that staffers prompted Clinton to call on her and another who had been approached before the event, although Clinton used her discretion to select questions and called on people who had not been prepped beforehand. Some of the questions asked were confusing and clearly off-message.

The practice of planting audience members to ask specific questions does not appear to be a common practice, or at least not a politically acceptable one.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Some events taken from events.bgsu.edu

10a.m. - 7p.m.

Grad Fair
Union Ballroom

11a.m. - 5p.m.

American Red Cross Blood Bowl VI
Union Multi-Purpose Room

8a.m. - 9p.m.

Exhibit #4
130 and 131 Union

8a.m. - 11p.m.

Muslim Student Association Prayer Room
204 Olscamp

9a.m. - 5p.m.

Laura Gajewski - Mixed Media Resin Works
The Little Gallery

10a.m. - 4p.m.

History Dept. Book Sale
Union Lobby, Info Tables

11:30a.m. - 1:30p.m.

Beggars' Banquet
Pit and Vedeteria

2-5p.m.

Institute of Supply Chain Management Fundraiser
Union 118-8 Table Space

4-5p.m.

FYSS - There's No Place Like Home for the Holidays
308 Union

4:30-6p.m.

PAC: "No Guilt" Book Club
222 Union

5:30-8p.m.

Beer Tasting: Variations of Hops
Black Swamp Pub

6-8p.m.

FYSS - Beer Goggles
318 Union

6-8p.m.

How to: Women's Self Defense
315 Union

6:30-9p.m.

Residence Life Humanities Troupe
101 Olscamp

7-8p.m.

International Careers Network Meeting
Conklin G - Global Village

7-8p.m.

FYSS - Mirror Mirror on the Wall
308 Union

7:30-9:30p.m.

Rhetoric of the Rainbow: Sile Singleton
202a Union, Grand Ballroom

8p.m.

Faculty Artist Series: Laura Melton, piano
Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center

9p.m.

Greek Judicial Board Hearings
306 Union

9-11p.m.

Last Comic Standing: Round 2
Black Swamp Pub

9-10p.m.

Visual Communication Technology Organization
127A Tech Building

9:15-10:15p.m.

Kohl Hall Council
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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

If you could change your middle name, what would you change it to?



"The Artist Formerly Known as Prince's symbol — no name."

LAUREN CHRISTINE GLEW,
Freshman, Business



"Chuck, because it's a good name."

ANDY CLAIR LONG,
Sophomore, Adult/Young Adult Education



"Kiwi. It's like a stage name."

DEONNA VERNIECE ANDERSON,
Freshman, Pre-med/Biol.



"Just the letter 'D,' because 'Dewitt' is embarrassing."

ANDRE DEWITT CISCO,
Senior, Interpersonal Comm.

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Students by day, battle lords by weekend

What I've seen since I came to BG



LEVI JOSEPH WONDER
COLUMNIST

On the weekend, my name temporarily changes in its spelling, pronunciation, and meaning: "Levi Joseph Wonder" goes away for a while, replaced by "Ame Cortos," the proud son of the late Bram and Elida Cortos.

On Sunday morning, after I rise to a morning sun gleaming through my cramped dorm room's window, I don my traditional combat garb reminiscent of that worn by the forest warriors of the Eryndor realm. While striding towards the battlefields for combat practice, I wield my hand-and-a-half sword paired with my kite shield, instead of my school-regulation bookbag and MacBook. Finally, when my comrades-in-arms from The Warband, The Legacy of the Life Tree, The Imperial Guard, Senegal's Finest and the other chapters of Eryndor all gather for combat practice, we engage in intense, frenzied, chaotic fighting.

Yes, this is Dagorhir: a bunch of people running around while dressed up in Lord of the Rings-esque clothing, whaling on each other with foam-padded melee weapons and yelling battle cries at their opponents.

"The adrenaline rush from leading one's compatriots into battle with a furious shield run accompanied by battle cries and shouts of fury cannot be simulated anywhere else."

Of course, it's much deeper than that; almost every aspect of Dagorhir is rife with endless possibilities for its wide-variety of eclectic warriors. From in-depth weapon craftsmanship, to specialized combat styles and fighting techniques, to garb and armor customization, and to its role-playing elements, there is indeed something for everyone who is involved with Dagorhir.

The average observer might disagree with such a philosophy involved with the organization, but Dagorhir's apparent simplicity is surpassed by its sheer capacity for customization and experimentation with all of its different components.

As any member of Dagorhir will attest, combat can be quite brutal at times. In fact, such brutality (non-dangerous, of course!) comes in a number of different ways; considering the number of weapons we utilize in regular combat, there are a multitude of different "tools" with which one can "smite" an enemy in Dagorhir.

Spears, pikes, shortwords, longwords, greatswords, katanas, scimitars, daggers, clubs, maces and even the humble "rocks" laying about the battle-

field are all implements of battle used by the warriors of Dagorhir.

Used in conjunction with the weaponry, leather armor, banded mail, battle helmets, gauntlets, tower shields, bucklers and sturdy boots serve their protective purposes to Dagorhir's warriors.

However strict rules mandate that all weaponry and shields to be used in combat be adequately padded with sufficient amounts of protective shock-absorbing foam, and that no metal elements be used in the construction of weapons. Safety is one of the most important criteria to which all must comply. In fact, it is the most important criterion of Dagorhir. Safety, playability and realism are three rules that are imperative to Dagorhir as a whole, with safety ranking first and foremost.

That being said, realism still plays a huge factor; as far as the possibilities for "dying" go, the sky is quite literally the limit. A bludgeoning blow to the chest from the business end of a flail, being "stabbed" in the abdominals with a jab from a two-handed spear, getting clubbed from behind by a... well, a club, and a finishing strike from a close-quarters

dagger thrust are only four of the oh-so-many ways to be "smitten" in combat. As I will substantiate, there are so many more ways to "die" that my mind hurts at the thought. Come to think of it, my body hurts as well (Dagorhir combat is not without its injuries...). After the insanity that defined the recent Saturday practice at the University of Toledo, I can proudly say I tumbled down to the ground in a gloriously clumsy fashion approximately 10 or 15 times; I was "killed" many more times than that, even (I'm a novice with Dagorhir).

Although the possibility for injuries beyond shin splints, muscle strains and other athletic injuries is negated by the foam padding on weapons, combat can still be very painful. Hobbling around on one's knees (after being "wounded") to get at an enemy is very tiring and taxing, and being knocked over from a well-placed shield kick from an opponent gets to hurting after the fourth or fifth time.

But it's fun. It's unbelievably fun.

The adrenaline rush from leading one's compatriots into battle with a furious shield run accompanied by battle cries and shouts of fury cannot be simulated anywhere else. It's unique, it's exhaustive, it's downright crazy, it's athletic, it's safe and it's fun.

It's ridiculously fun. So the next time you see these mighty warriors clashing in full-on melee combat, don't be so quick to judge. In fact, come and watch us fight, or even try it out for yourselves. It is a sport, after all: a sport with foam swords, medieval clothing and battle cries!

Send responses to this column to thenews@bgnews.com.

YIN FAN CHAN | GUEST COLUMNIST

I am a freshman and I am Asian here at BG. I am writing to share my experience at the University, and my thoughts on some of the different characteristics between Asians and Americans.

I was born and grew up in Hong Kong, China. This year I came to the University to pursue my study. At this University, most students are Americans (77 percent).

Last Friday I attended a seminar given by Jean-Marc Hachey, a Canadian who is an international career editor of Transitions Abroad magazine and the author of a book entitled "The Big Guide to Living and Working Overseas." After listening to his presentation, I came down to ask him a few questions. He shook my hand. I introduced myself, "Hi, my name is Eva. Nice to meet you." In no time, he said to me, "Stand straight, speak up, and say confidently: Hi, my name is Eva. Do it again like me."

I was a little scared, but I knew what he meant, so I followed his instruction. But he was still unsatisfied after I did it a second time. "Don't laugh at yourself, and don't step backward." Then, he explained to me. He said I am a very traditional type of Asian woman. "But now you are in North America. You can be a powerful woman," he said.

I used to think my personality came from a lack of confidence. But I started to observe my Japanese friends after that event. I live in Global Village where there are a lot of Japanese students. I found that we do share some similar characteristics. They speak softly, they always say "sorry" and "thank

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you" (I'm not saying this is bad, indeed it is a kind of politeness). Moreover, I remembered when my Japanese roommate told me she wanted to eat something sweet, I gave her some of my chocolates, but she refused, she said, "No, it's yours, you keep them for yourself."

From my point of view, traditional Asian women are sometimes too shy to express truly and wholly what we are thinking and feeling. Even if we desire something, sometimes we tell others we don't. Also, Asians are not used to challenging authority. We always believe professors must be right.

On the other hand, Americans, from my observation, do not hesitate to express themselves confidently. They are not afraid to challenge professors in classes. They always ask questions, request repetitions, explain or clarify. Although this, to a certain extent, depends on each individual's personality, I believe there are some differences between races.

Nevertheless, we cannot deny that every characteristic has both pros and cons. So we do have to respect different people, no matter what gender, race, age and background.

Chan is a freshman, undecided. Send responses to her column to thenews@bgnews.com.

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Part three in Julie Hohman's series.

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New York's license plan sets the wrong path on illegal immigration



JASON SNEED
COLUMNIST

Last week's decision by Gov. Elliot Spitzer of New York to grant driver's licenses to illegal immigrants has only turned up the heat on a debate that seems ready to boil over. What Spitzer tried to do with his plan was, simply put, to bring undocumented migrants into the system, allowing them transportation rights and ensuring they have proper identification. In his own words, Spitzer said it is "better to know who they are than pretend they don't exist."

All of this seems well and good, except nobody is pretending the problem of illegal immigration does not exist, and identifying those who have violated our immigration laws is a far cry from bringing them into the process.

Topics such as illegal immigration have a tendency to

ignite passions and prejudices, and so it is an imperative to expose the facts of the situation. According to the Pew Hispanic Center, there are between 11.5 and 12 million people in the United States illegally right now, and if past precedents are to be any indication this number is only going to grow considerably. Of this almost unbelievable total, 57 percent have emigrated from Mexico, and an additional 19 percent came from other Latin American nations. The remaining 22 percent of undocumented migrants come from literally every other nation on the planet.

It is therefore impossible to assign the problem of illegal immigration to a single ethnicity or nationality. Both sides of the debate must accept this fact if sound national policy is to be enacted.

One thing the New York plan is not sound policy. We have long prided ourselves on our history as a nation governed by the rule of law, and here the law has not only spoken, but it has spoken often and in great detail.

"Illegal immigrants have, by their own actions, distinguished themselves from those who chose to immigrate legally, and no license should be granted that ignores this."

Specific processes are in place to handle a wide variety of situations arising in the immigration process and any exceptions to the rules of the game are codified.

Those who comprise the 12 million undocumented migrants, though not from a mutual point of origin, do have one thing in common: They all had to violate U.S. law to get here, and no government official, under oath to uphold the laws of the nation or of their states, can or should overlook this fact.

But the law is only one reason why illegal immigration is a national problem. Nearly 5 percent of the U.S. workforce, or 7.2 million people, is composed of unauthorized immigrants holding down regular jobs in agriculture, industry and services.

While undocumented workers no doubt perform crucial labor, their participation is a double-edged sword. Illegal immigrants, willing to work for less, drive down the cost of labor, benefiting their employers and, by extension, consumers.

But at the same time, the wage devaluation they engender greatly hurts the poorest Americans who are often directly competing with undocumented workers for jobs. This unacceptable reality can be too easily dismissed by those sitting contentedly in middle- or upper-class comfort, but for Americans living on paycheck to paycheck, barely able to make ends meet, this reality could mean the difference between life and death.

But the New York plan ignores this, preferring instead to act as

a step down the path to amnesty and legalization. No doubt many will point out that driver's licenses issued under this plan will still not allow undocumented immigrants to board aircraft, enter federal facilities or legally drive outside the state, but even these basic restrictions were within days challenged by immigrant advocacy groups. The head of one, the New York Immigration Coalition, labeled the new licenses "inferior" and argued they discriminate against illegal immigrants, distinguishing them from the citizenry and other legal residents.

But the fact is that illegal immigrants have, by their own actions, distinguished themselves from those who chose to immigrate legally, and no license should be granted that ignores this fact, nor should anybody argue or hold the false pretense that the New York plan is anything but a step towards general amnesty.

Illegal immigration is a situation of national scope, with grave consequences for the poorest Americans, and is thus

a great dilemma for national policy.

It is logistically impossible to track down and deport all 12 million undocumented residents, and it is economically and legally unfeasible to grant citizenship to such a large group as well.

The public must therefore choose the lesser of the two evils, and here it may very well be a crackdown on the undocumented population, with due consideration and protections given to those with family members who are legal residents. The opposite path, the path to legalization, would only strain entitlements like Social Security and Medicare, further impoverish the poorest Americans, and engender a disrespect, both at home and abroad, for the laws of the United States.

Editor's note: The New York Times reported late Tuesday that Spitzer had dropped his plan to allow illegal immigrants to earn driver's licenses.

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One reporter's search for a story that would shake the University

JULIE HOHMAN | GUEST COLUMNIST

Editor's note: Thirty years ago, BGSU's Board of Trustees created an ad hoc police review panel following complaints of harassment from the Black Student Union and Human Rights Alliance.

This column is the second of three exploring the climate in 1977 and the discussion that continues today.

University Vice President Richard Edwards had just telephoned me with an admonishment that went something like this: "I know you want it, I know you've been asking everybody for it, but you need to give up, because there's no way you're going to get it. There's a press conference tomorrow and you can get it there like everybody else."

Click!

I was a senior, a journalism major and a veteran reporter for The BG News. My "beat" included covering the campus police department, the Black Student Union and the college administration, and a big story was brewing that involved all three. Edwards was talking about the Ad Hoc Police Panel Final Report and Recommendations due out the next day, Thursday, Nov. 10, 1977.

This report culminated a seven-month, University-initiated study begun after the Black Student Union presented documented evidence of harassment of black students, neglect of duty and ineffective complaint procedures, among other problems with the campus police department. Before that, BSU members had taken their concerns to the newspaper and to the college administration in an effort to get someone to listen and help. Finally, in April 1977, the Board of Trustees convened an ad hoc (created for a specific purpose) panel, composed of two students, two faculty members, two administrators and two trustees to address this volatile situation. Now, the study was done and the final report was written, but it was all very secretive.

I had been trying all week — heck, longer than that — to get my hands on the final police panel report early, so I could get a great scoop. I had been covering campus police problems leading up to the need for the panel for more than a year. I felt like I owned this story and I wanted

our campus paper to get the final report and recommendations first. Now this night, Wednesday, Nov. 9, I literally had only a few hours to get it and make deadline. If I could make deadline tonight, Thursday's issue would have the story first thing in the morning, ahead of the 10 a.m. press conference and a day ahead of other media. If not, I would have the story on Friday like everyone else.

Looking back, I know I was absolutely obsessed with getting this report, and deadline closing in on me only added to the pulse-racing excitement.

The top college administrative echelon, on the other hand, did not want this report put out early. It had been a long time coming and those involved wanted to release it their way, in an orderly fashion — hand out the same report at the same time to everyone at the Board of Trustees meeting the next morning. We were expecting news media from at least three states.

With time running out, I had exhausted about every source I could think of, including all eight members of the ad hoc police panel who had declined to help me. There was a gag order preventing them from talking to the press and from releasing any documents. The only person who could talk to the media or release reports was the chairman of the panel, local attorney M. Shad Hanna, and he had been handling the task masterfully — by not saying anything substantive. And, he was apparently keeping the final draft of the report under lock and key. As far as I knew, nobody even had it. Maybe they were going to run it off the next morning before the meeting.

Similarly, Lt. Dean Gerkens of the campus police department, who was serving as active police chief, always tried his best to answer our questions as spokesman for the department.

The ad hoc panel heard testimony on the campus police problems for about five months before deliberating and writing its report. The press was barred from most of the process because it related to personnel, although sometimes we were allowed in the hearings for opening statements only. The BSU and press pleaded with the panel to open its proceedings, but the panel never did. This made it very difficult to keep the campus community informed along the way but

forced me to develop sources. And sometimes there were leaks from a variety of places.

As I continued my quest that night, I know I was driven on even more by Edwards's words ringing in my ears that I was going to fail. I decided I would prove him wrong or die trying. I unmercifully hounded — I mean, politely asked — people who had access to the information as well as those who did not, in person and on the phone: Could you tell me what will be in the final report tomorrow? Better yet, could you manage to get me a copy of it? Now, around this same time, I was also starting to think

I got a very big break. There was starting to be some hope, that's all I can say. I was told to go to the library and wait. Someone either had it or was going to get it, I just knew it.

With intense feelings of anticipation, suspense and a little desperation, I returned to the car, and it was on to the library post-haste. I hurried in while Mom again waited. After what seemed like an eternity, the moment arrived, someone placed an envelope in my hands, and it was mine. It happened so fast, the next moment I was standing there alone with the elusive document in my hot, sweaty

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about this: If I get the report, how can I assure its safe arrival at the paper? I did not have a car. I couldn't walk around campus with it for God's sake.

Trying to predict every possible pitfall that might keep me from printing that story, I called my mother in Port Clinton and asked her to make the hour-long drive to campus in the event I got the report so she could drive it and me to the paper.

Mom came through and now I had wheels and a chauffeur. She drove me places and waited while I went inside to talk to people or make phone calls. We kept up a persistent pursuit, never losing sight of the goal, leaving no stone unturned — until, at last,

palms. I didn't even look at it because I had no doubt it was the report. I remember thinking what an exciting career I had ahead of me if this is what it was going to be like.

No time to waste. I ran down the library steps and out to the car that was waiting for me. Mom stepped on the gas.

She dropped me safely at The BG News offices at 106 University Hall and watched me go inside, successfully concluding her operation and happy to be headed home.

Thirty years later she still vividly recalls the key role she played.

"I drove the getaway car," she proclaims proudly, but also readily admits, "I sat out in front

of some tall building and I was scared."

I must have looked like the cat that caught the canary when I walked into the newsroom, tightly clutching my prize, a plain white envelope that held the police panel recommendations. I'll never forget Editor Pat Thomas and Managing Editor Dennis Sadowski, instinctively knowing what it was and both greeting me, apprehensively, with, "We just have one question. Did you or Emil steal it?" My bosses knew how badly I had wanted that report and needed to get that question out of the way first thing. I replied, "No," and that was the truth. I could tell they believed me. They didn't ask me anything else. Emil Dansker was my journalism professor extraordinaire for four years as well as The BG News adviser.

The next order of business was to see just what we had. I took the papers out of the envelope and we looked at them carefully. DAMN — We all noticed it at the same time. This was not the final report and recommendations of the ad hoc police panel. It was clearly marked "SECOND DRAFT" of the report and recommendations of the ad hoc police panel, and a lot of editing had been done on the pages. But, we also knew it was as close as we were going to get at this late hour. It was very readable and clear and maybe the final draft coming out tomorrow was not going to be much different. But then again maybe it was going to be very different. How many more drafts had there been after the second draft? One? Ten? We had no way to know. And no way to find out.

For one brief moment, I'm sure my heart must have stopped. Should we print it? They wondered. Would uncertainty about how current this report was kill the story?

No way! Of course, that was my vote. But what would be the decision of my bosses, the decision I would have to follow and

live with? I reasoned and they agreed that it seemed to be a very thorough draft, complete and final sounding. Dansker was kept in the loop as he requested but, as usual, was counting on his student journalists to arrive at their own course of action. He deferred to us and would stand by our decision. Meanwhile, I'm starting to sweat because the time I need to decipher the report and write this article is ticking away.

In the end, we believed the public's right to know and to know first in our paper outweighed the risk we took that some areas of the final report would be different. We decided not only to run with the story but to copyright it as well because it was an "exclusive." I started my well-known pounding on the typewriter (no computers back then). I don't remember how much time I had but it wasn't much.

The recommendations were sweeping. The panel called for a new police program, emphasizing safety and service rather than law enforcement. The campus police department would now be known as the department of public safety, and the long-sought police review board would become a reality, the report said.

I remember I couldn't even think of a lead. I started to write the body of the story first, then threw in a lead at the end that I was never particularly happy with. It certainly was not my finest piece of writing.

Interestingly, some people believed we never had a report in our possession at all because of the way we presented the story. It never attributes anything to a report or a document but instead only quotes "sources." This theory held that someone quoted from it or read it to me over the phone.

As I recall, we attributed the story to sources instead of a

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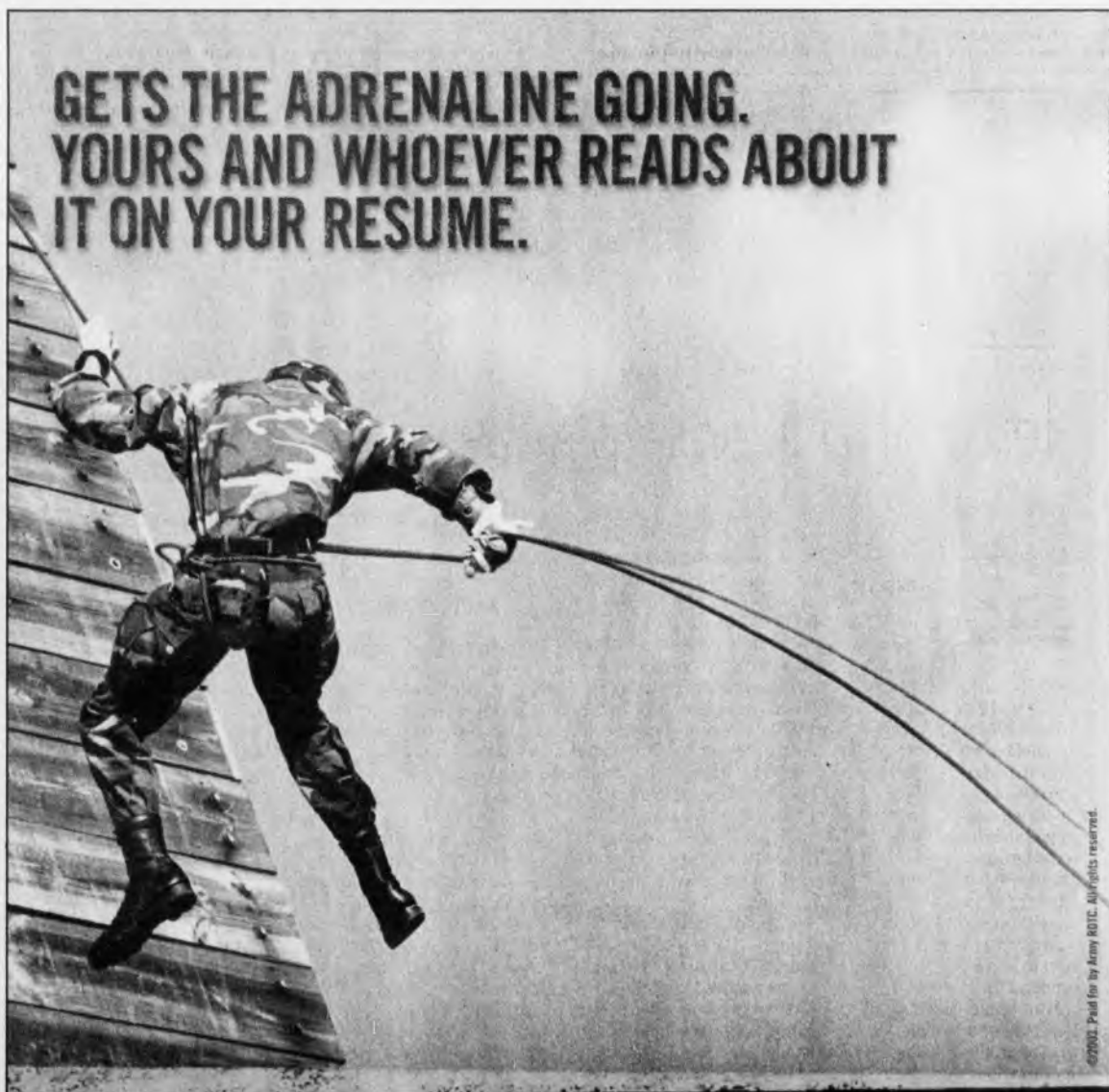


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"We just changed up the formation a bit because we knew we had to score, and if we lose that's it," said Falcon senior

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Cross country season ends with no Falcons advancing to Nationals

By Josh Whetherholt
Reporter

It's official. The men's and women's cross country seasons are over. The Falcons took off to the University of Indiana for the annual NCAA Great Lakes Regional meet Saturday and despite strong seasons, no one came out to advance to the National meet.

Eddie Kipchoge, solely representing the men's team, came in 49th, well short of advancing, and the women's team finished 21st out of 30 teams with 517 points. The men's meet ended in a tie between Wisconsin and Michigan at 68 points a piece and the women's meet was won by Michigan State with 60 points.

Kipchoge finished the 10K race in a time of 32:09.22, five seconds ahead of the 2007 Mid-American Conference meet champion Josh Perrin at 32:14.54. Kipchoge was disappointed with the way his season ended, hoping to make the national meet after missing out by one spot last season. But shortly after the race he was already talking about getting ready for next season's Regional meet.

Kipchoge did not have too much to be melancholy about. He added two more collegiate wins to his career, bringing him up to six wins total in just two seasons, as well as running



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his two fastest career times, including an 8K race good enough for third all time at BG in a time of 24:16.37.

"Eddie was disappointed with Saturday," said coach Cami Wells. "I was happy with the way he was able to bring his 8K time down, and aside from making it to nationals, he accomplished a lot of positive things. I'm not disappointed with Eddie."

On the women's side, things were much the same. After a 10th place finish last season, the women dropped back to 21st, however this year they did

not have front runner Jamie Roflow leading the pack.

"This was a good group of young ladies," Wells said. "Overall they had a stronger team than last season, we were just without a front runner. The team results don't show the whole story. I'm proud of how they ran and how they did this season."

The women were led, for the second race in a row, by freshman and Bowling Green native, Barbara Powers who finished 62nd with a time of 22:41.51, the second fastest time on the University of Indiana course for a Bowling Green women's runner.

"I thought she had a very strong race," Wells said. "She's been very consistent for us and is a tremendously hard worker and I think she will only continue to get stronger."

Powers was followed closely by junior Kara Butler who finished in a time of 22:45.71, good enough for 69th place. Butler battled back from an illness that kept her from running near her full potential at the MAC meet, but made up for it at the Regional meet.

"This was Kara's best cross country race in her career," Wells said. "She was sick at the MAC meet and she was very disappointed about that. It's

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Sabathia named American League Cy Young winner



ELISE AMENDOLA | AP PHOTO

CLEVELAND'S ACE: Sabathia won 19 games this season and was among the American League leaders in ERA, innings pitched and strikeouts.

By Mike Fitzpatrick
The Associated Press

NEWYORK—C.C. Sabathia won the AL Cy Young Award on yesterday, beating out several worthy contenders by a comfortable margin and becoming the first Cleveland pitcher in 35 years to earn the honor.

The Indians ace received 19 of 28 first-place votes and finished with 119 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Boston's Josh Beckett was second with eight first-place votes and 86 points, while John Lackey of the Los Angeles Angels got the other first-place vote

and came in third. Cleveland's Fausto Carmona was fourth.

"I was excited. My family and everybody were around," Sabathia said on a conference call from his home in California. "I was surprised. Beckett had a great year and an even better postseason."

Sabathia went 19-7 with a 3.21 ERA and 209 strikeouts, pitching a major league-high 241 innings. Beckett (20-7) became the only big league pitcher to win 20 games since 2005, compiling a 3.27 ERA in 200 2-3 innings.

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By Ken Ritter
The Associated Press



MARK HUMPHREY | AP PHOTO

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"We have a deal," Clark County prosecutor Victoria Villegas said. "I can't talk about the negotiations until it's actually filed with the court."

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Langford, was scheduled to appear in court yesterday to inform Las Vegas Justice of the Peace Tony Abbatangelo of the plea, but the hearing abruptly was rescheduled tomorrow.

Villegas said the delayed hearing was the result of a scheduling mishap.

"He has agreed to testify in whatever hearings come up regarding the shooter," Langford said. Jones, who was not expected to attend yesterday's hearing, would not be sentenced until after testifying, he said.

Manny Arora, Jones' Atlanta-based attorney, said their focus was to clear the cornerback of involvement in the shooting and called the deal the best situation for Jones.

"While I think we would've been successful at trial, it could've been six months to a year away, and he may have

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"The game will never be pretty against NIU, so I didn't expect it to be pretty, but I did expect a little bit more out of us than we gave today," he said.

The Huskies came out strong right away, using their physical style of play to control the first half. NIU's first goal came 15:12 into the match when Marcus McCarty headed the ball into the net for a goal.

With just 30 seconds before the half, the Huskies struck again when Ben Thomas got past the BG defense and sent a shot into the back of the net. The late goal gave NIU a 2-0 lead at the half, and forced the Falcons to make some adjustments.

"We just changed up the formation a bit because we knew we had to score, and if we lose that's it," said Falcon senior

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Cross country season ends with no Falcons advancing to Nationals

By Josh Whetherholt
Reporter

It's official. The men's and women's cross country seasons are over. The Falcons took off to the University of Indiana for the annual NCAA Great Lakes Regional meet Saturday and despite strong seasons, no one came out to advance to the National meet.

Eddie Kipchoge, solely representing the men's team, came in 49th, well short of advancing, and the women's team finished 21st out of 30 teams with 517 points. The men's meet ended in a tie between Wisconsin and Michigan at 68 points a piece and the women's meet was won by Michigan State with 60 points.

Kipchoge finished the 10K race in a time of 32:09.22, five seconds ahead of the 2007 Mid-American Conference meet champion Josh Perrin at 32:14.54. Kipchoge was disappointed with the way his season ended, hoping to make the national meet after missing out by one spot last season. But shortly after the race he was already talking about getting ready for next season's Regional meet.

Kipchoge did not have too much to be melancholy about. He added two more collegiate wins to his career, bringing him up to six wins total in just two seasons, as well as running



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RUNNING: BG's Eddie Kipchoge added two collegiate wins to his short career.

his two fastest career times, including an 8K race good enough for third all time at BG in a time of 24:16.37.

"Eddie was disappointed with Saturday," said coach Cami Wells. "I was happy with the way he was able to bring his 8K time down, and aside from making it to nationals, he accomplished a lot of positive things. I'm not disappointed with Eddie."

On the women's side, things were much the same. After a 10th place finish last season, the women dropped back to 21st, however this year they did

not have front runner Jamie Rofflow leading the pack.

"This was a good group of young ladies," Wells said. "Overall they had a stronger team than last season, we were just without a front runner. The team results don't show the whole story. I'm proud of how they ran and how they did this season."

The women were led, for the second race in a row, by freshman and Bowling Green native, Barbara Powers who finished 62nd with a time of 22:41.51, the second fastest time on the University of Indiana course for a Bowling Green women's runner.

"I thought she had a very strong race," Wells said. "She's been very consistent for us and is a tremendously hard worker and I think she will only continue to get stronger."

Powers was followed closely by junior Kara Butler who finished in a time of 22:45.71, good enough for 69th place. Butler battled back from an illness that kept her from running near her full potential at the MAC meet, but made up for it at the Regional meet.

"This was Kara's best cross country race in her career," Wells said. "She was sick at the MAC meet and she was very disappointed about that. It's

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Sabathia named American League Cy Young winner



ELISE AMENDOLA | AP PHOTO

CLEVELAND'S ACE: Sabathia won 19 games this season and was among the American League leaders in ERA, innings pitched and strikeouts.

By Mike Fitzpatrick
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — C.C. Sabathia won the AL Cy Young Award on yesterday, beating out several worthy contenders by a comfortable margin and becoming the first Cleveland pitcher in 35 years to earn the honor.

The Indians ace received 19 of 28 first-place votes and finished with 119 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Boston's Josh Beckett was second with eight first-place votes and 86 points, while John Lackey of the Los Angeles Angels got the other first-place vote

and came in third. Cleveland's Fausto Carmona was fourth.

"I was excited. My family and everybody were around," Sabathia said on a conference call from his home in California. "I was surprised. Beckett had a great year and an even better postseason."

Sabathia went 19-7 with a 3.21 ERA and 209 strikeouts, pitching a major league-high 241 innings. Beckett (20-7) became the only big league pitcher to win 20 games since 2005, compiling a 3.27 ERA in 200 2-3 innings.

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Pacman takes plea deal, will trade club shooting testimony for probation



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LET'S MAKE A DEAL: Pacman Jones (right) and his attorney agreed to take a plea deal yesterday where in exchange for probation, Jones will provide testimony in a shooting case.

By Ken Ritter
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Suspended NFL player Adam "Pacman" Jones is expected to take a plea deal that will get him probation in return for testimony about a Las Vegas strip club triple shooting, his lawyer said yesterday.

The Tennessee Titans cornerback intends to plead no contest to one charge of conspiracy to commit disorderly conduct, a gross misdemeanor, in return for a promise to suspend a sentence of one year in county jail, according to a written plea agreement obtained by The Associated Press.

"We have a deal," Clark County prosecutor Victoria Villegas said. "I can't talk about the negotiations until it's actually filed with the court."

Jones' attorney, Robert

Langford, was scheduled to appear in court yesterday to inform Las Vegas Justice of the Peace Tony Abbatangelo of the plea, but the hearing abruptly was rescheduled tomorrow.

Villegas said the delayed hearing was the result of a scheduling mishap.

"He has agreed to testify in whatever hearings come up regarding the shooter," Langford said. Jones, who was not expected to attend yesterday's hearing, would not be sentenced until after testifying, he said.

Manny Arora, Jones' Atlanta-based attorney, said their focus was to clear the cornerback of involvement in the shooting and called the deal the best situation for Jones.

"While I think we would've been successful at trial, it could've been six months to a year away, and he may have

lost another year of eligibility by going forward. In the real world, sometimes you have to make these difficult decisions for what's best for your career, and we didn't want this dragging on any further," Arora said.

In addition to one year of probation, Jones must attend an anger management program, complete 200 hours of community service within a year and submit to random drug testing, according to the plea deal. Langford said Jones already is subject to drug testing under NFL rules.

Tomorrow, Abbatangelo is expected to waive Jones' preliminary hearing on two felony coercion charges stemming from allegations he incited a melee inside the club. The evidentiary hearing was postponed Oct. 29 while plea negotiations continued.

Ohio State vs. Michigan rivalry has checkered past

By Rusty Miller
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS — Ohio State's Jim Tressel and Michigan's Lloyd Carr did their first bit of coaching this week when they instructed their players to not say anything negative about the other team on the eve of 104th meeting on Saturday in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Idle talk has inflamed The Game, in a history of controversies before, after and during the annual grudge match.

The Tie: No. 1 Ohio State and No. 4 Michigan met in 1973 with both teams unbeaten (the Buckeyes in nine games, the Wolverines in 10). Michigan had outscored its opponents 320-58, Ohio State by a margin of 361-33. After an epic struggle, they ended up in a 10-10 tie.

In those days, only one Big Ten team got to go to a bowl, and the only bowl was the Rose. Since the teams ended up tied in the league standings, the Big Ten athletic directors met and voted who should represent the conference in Pasadena.

Ohio State had gone the year before, which normally would have favored Michigan. After some deliberation the ADs picked the Buckeyes. Whether it was because Michigan QB Dennis Franklin broke his collarbone in the game, or because the Wolverines failed to win on their home field, Ohio State was the choice.

Many Michigan people believed that Michigan State, humiliated 31-0 earlier in the season by the Wolverines, voted against their in-state rival out of spite. Some also said that two former Michigan men who were ADs in the conference betrayed their alma mater.

The Buckeyes did go on to wallop Southern Cal 42-21 in the Rose Bowl to (somewhat) vindicate the choice.

But on Nov. 13, 2006, just four days before dying of a heart attack, Bo Schembechler, Michigan's coach at the time,



DEJECTION: Michigan AD Don Canham leaves a Big Ten athletic directors' meeting in 1974 after a vote was taken that placed Ohio State in the Rose Bowl instead of his team.

still was angry.

"It was the greatest disappointment of my career. Everybody, including (Ohio State coach) Woody Hayes, congratulated me after the game and said, 'Oh, you'll do a great job in the Rose Bowl' and all that. And everybody expected Michigan to go to the Rose Bowl because, if you look at the game, we outplayed them," he said. "It was strictly a political thing. The whole thing upset me to no end. I think that team, that 1973 team, is the reason that we're (the Big Ten) playing in other bowls today."

Harbaugh's prediction: Michigan had just sustained its first loss of the 1986 season the week before against Minnesota, prompting quarterback Jim Harbaugh to say, "I guarantee we will beat Ohio State and go to Pasadena."

Harbaugh expected Schembechler to be extremely angry.

"The way our leader, Bo Schembechler, handled it was genius," said Harbaugh, now Stanford's head coach. "He just came into the team meeting and I'm kind of expecting to get an earful. He said, 'Well, at least I know our quarterback thinks we can win. Rally around him.

Let's go to Columbus and beat the Buckeyes."

And they did, 26-24, to earn a berth in the Rose Bowl.

Earle's exit: The Monday before the 1987 game, Ohio State President Ed Jennings fired coach Earle Bruce, a successful coach who was devoted to his alma mater but had never been truly embraced by the Buckeyes faithful.

The untimely firing shifted sentiment to Bruce, and Jennings was vilified for the decision.

In Ann Arbor that Saturday, Bruce was standing on the sidelines when he turned to say something to an assistant when he noticed out of the corner of his eye that his players were all wearing headbands.

"I was going to tell them to get those headbands off," Bruce recalled. "When I looked at them, I saw that they said 'Earle' and then I thought I can't very well tell them to take them off."

The Buckeyes won 23-20 and after the game Bruce went to the Michigan locker room to say goodbye to his friend and peer, Schembechler.

Schembechler looked up and said, "You know how I don't like losing. But, somehow, today I don't mind."



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TROPHY: The Cy Young award is Sabathia's first of his career.

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Lackey led the AL in ERA at 3.01, going 19-9 and tossing 224 innings. Carmona was 19-8 with a 3.06 ERA.

Voting took place before the postseason, when Sabathia struggled while Beckett pitched the Red Sox to a World Series championship with a string of dominant outings.

"I did look at a few numbers," Sabathia said. "I definitely thought that Beckett — it could have went either way. I'm just happy and thankful that it went my way."

The only other Cleveland pitcher to win the award was Hall of Famer Gaylord Perry in 1972. Now that he has one, Sabathia plans to display his trophy prominently at home.

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captain Abiola Sandy. "We just wanted to score, so everyone just stepped it up a bit."

The Falcons came out in the second half with a sense of urgency and an offensive mindset, but NIU's tough defense kept BG's scoring chances few and far between.

"We had three fantastic chances (in the first half)," Thompson said. "In the second half we did the same thing and tried to lift the energy and give it a little more, and we had a couple more chances."

"Any one of those could have changed the game, but unfortunately we didn't get the bounces today," he said.

Perhaps the best scoring opportunity for the Falcons came mid-way through the second half when Sandy made a move to beat a defender, then fired a shot which nicked off the goalkeeper's hand and sailed over the net.

Throughout the rest of the game, the Huskies proved too tough to score against, holding the offensive minded BG squad to just 7 second half shots. With 7:05 remaining in the match, NIU's Fraser Gibson added his team's third and final goal, sealing the Falcons' fate.

"The minimum we had to do today was just match their intensity and put in a lot of effort, and we didn't come out like that at all," said BG sophomore Chuko Ewvaraye. "We had a couple spells where we matched their intensity and it wasn't bad."



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ON THE MOVE: Chuko Ewvaraye kicks the ball during yesterday's game.

"We actually had better chances than them, but we just couldn't maintain the effort," Ewvaraye said.

Despite not achieving its ultimate goal of a MAC Championship, the Falcons looked back on the season as a relative success considering how many new faces there were to the program this year.

"Overall I thought we had a pretty good season," Thompson said. "I told the guys it's difficult to end things this way, but we shouldn't forget that we had a pretty good season."

"We played exceptionally well, and we gained a lot of respect from a lot of people around the country," Thompson said. "After this initial disappointment goes away and people settle back into their classes, we'll start getting our minds ready for the spring and go in from there."

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happened to her three times at the MAC with it happening the past two track seasons. She worked hard to get healthy and prove that she is the type of runner that she wasn't at the MAC meet."

The other Falcon women included Ashley Fischer in 100th with a time of 23:15.11, Lyndi Springer in 138th with a time of 23:47.22, Kylie Korsnack in 154th and a time of 24:05.21 and finally

"We are very excited for next year...We are really looking forward to the future."

Cam Wells | Coach

Heather Congar in 163rd with a time of 24:17.6.

The Falcons are anticipating the start of next season already. On the men's side they hope to

avoid all the various injuries and illnesses that plagued them so much this season and use some of the good experience they have had with the talented group of freshmen.

On the women's team, they look forward to having senior Jamie Roffow back at the helm and same as the men, take advantage of good experience gained for a talented group of freshmen.

"We are very excited for next year," Wells said. "The freshmen will all be stronger and they learned how hard they have to work. We are really looking for-



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Q: If Pilgrims were alive today, what would they be famous for?
A: Their age.

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Grylls returns in 'Man vs. Wild'



COLBY JAMES
HUMOR COLUMNIST

"This particular episode was so manly, that my girlfriend was instantly impregnated as soon as the credits started to roll... or at least that's what I told her father anyway."

The messiah has returned!

And if you're thinking of a certain Jewish carpenter, save that discussion for the "Forum" section of The BG News, because the messiah I'm referring to is none other than the hulking display of manhood himself: Bear Grylls.

Loyal readers of mine undoubtedly know of the immense amount of respect and awe I have for everyone's favorite television survival expert. If one season of the Discovery Channel show "Man vs. Wild" wasn't enough to get you to swear undying allegiance to Bear Grylls, he's back in season two with enough awesome in his backpack to get even you stupid people who missed out on season one to pull your heads away from the front-row view of your colons and tune in.

That's right, this past Friday, Bear Grylls made his triumphant return to television, and he opened the new season with one of his best episodes yet.

In fact, this particular episode was so manly, that my girlfriend was instantly impregnated as soon as the opening credits started to roll... or at least that's what I told her father anyway.

Before I continue describing this glorious episode, there's something I'd like to get off my chest.

Last Friday, while having my regular lunch drink before my afternoon class, I thought it only appropriate to toast Bear Grylls' return, when I was interrupted by an ex-friend of mine who said, "Who cares? Isn't that show fake?"

After asking myself, "What would Bear Grylls do?" I gave him a flying elbow to the face and proceeded to stomp on his genitals (it seemed like

the right thing to do). So just keep that in mind before you come to me and disparage the almighty Bear. Seriously, what do these people think? "Bear gets help from the crew when his life is in serious danger, so he doesn't die — what a sketch!"

There are also rumors that Bear has been staying in hotels. Now I don't know the whole story about this hotel business, but who cares? I've seen the guy drink turtle blood and a canteen full of his own urine. As far as I'm concerned that earns you a stay at a Holiday Inn. I'll make a blood and urine smoothie (but no protein shot because the friggin' smoothie place in the union is always out), and if any of you critics can down it, I'll give you a night at the Ritz-Carlton.

But now that we've got that unpleasantness out of the way, let me give you a run-down of the season two opener.

This episode took place in the Sahara, where it was so hot, one of the crew members suffered heatstroke and had to be evacuated. But there was no heatstroke for Bear, because he opened the season with an old fan favorite: He made himself a heatstroke repelling turban out of a cut T-shirt and pee, and because this is the second time I've seen this happen, I'm convinced that the pee turban is his signature move.

But even before the drops of urine on his forehead could evaporate in the intense Sahara heat, Bear found a camel spider and started poking it with a stick, like a fat kid passed out on your couch, just to tick it off.

All of Bear's fans knew what was coming next, but being

the master showman he is, he let the anticipation build up by whacking it with the stick for a few more minutes before cutting off its face and eating the body. Of course a mere camel spider is barely enough to satiate the gargantuan hunger of Bear, so he quickly found a scorpion and described how the venom is strong enough to kill a human.

Since he's way too cool to worry about things like venom, he bit into it anyway and sprayed green goo all over his face. Still not satisfied, he caught a lizard and decided to taunt it by letting him go and catching him a few times, before he ended up eating that too.

After he got tired of eating most of the animal population of the Sahara, he had his crew bring him a cobra, so he could amuse himself and display his manliness by whacking it in the face with his canteen over and over. Once the snake conceded defeat, Bear was again bored, so he finished up by jumping in some quicksand and climbing back out. I'd like to see anybody who calls him "fake" do that!

At this point, it's quite clear nothing in the Sahara can deter the unstoppable force that is Bear Grylls, but I'm going to have to wait until this Friday at 9 p.m. to see what other things Bear can eat because this episode was "to be continued." Until then it looks like I'm just going to have to continue toasting him over lunch.

Colby James (cjfordh@bgsu.edu) no longer has regard for the lives of animals.

Girlfriends outcost video games



GREG CHICK
HUMOR COLUMNIST

Come on darling, why do you have to do me like that?

You know you're the only person in my double team, the one I keep my sniper scope fixed on from far away.

I've sung your praises on message boards, fan sites and ranked matches across the universe, from the top of Valhalla's mighty mountains to the depths of the Pillar of Autumn. You've met all my comrades among my clan and they've accepted you with open arms.

Don't hold my faults and lack of EXP against me, baby, you and I are meant for each other.

No army of Flood or Covenant could ever keep me from you. Having you in my life is the only achievement I care to unlock, the only addition to my Gamer Score worth having.

Ever since I saw you, staring at me from across Gamestop, I knew I would cling to you like a sticky grenade. I'd wait in a pregame lobby forever just to be with you. I put that big pink heart tattoo on my Mark IV Spartan Mjolnir armor just to glorify you.

Please forgive me for throwing the controller at the TV and stepping on my Voice Communicator. I didn't mean those hateful words I said. When that 5-year-old girl kept crouch-squatting over my corpse after raining pink bombardment on me from dual needlers, I got emotional and erratic.

I've sent you game invites, but you don't respond.

Can't you see we're destined to be together? We're like two rockets locked onto the same Mongoose, two star-crossed

lovers meant to ride a Warthog together into the sunset.

My love for you is higher than Level 50, an accomplishment this splendid online universe never thought possible.

It would take a system crash due to a mandatory update patch to keep me from you. You restore my health bar with your touch; reload my ammo in just a stare. Please forgive me, hunny. I wander aimlessly through playlists, dropping levels until the day you take me back.

For the rest of you out there laughing at my plea for forgiveness, think before you judge.

Halo 3 and I are just like any other couple.

"But Greg how is a video game like a woman?"

Well, video games are a lot like women, except for the weird biological cycle and complete lack of accountability.

Think of the money you spend on a video game these days — around 60 dollars a game. That's like your first date with a girl where you just pay for the dinner. Then you've got to get an Xbox Live subscription, a wireless Voice Communicator, Halo-brand Mountain Dew, Master Chief action figures and limited edition controllers among other things. The guys reading this know just what this sounds like: the cost of gas to drive your girl to the mall, buying flowers for forgiveness when you forget about your 3 month anniversary, going to see a movie, getting drinks at the bar and paying for the cab ride home.

When you first start dating a girl you're on cloud nine.

Things are perfect — you actually enjoy her presence, may spend time consciously listening to her and actually enter-

tain the idea of being with her and her friends.

This is just like a video game.

When you first get Halo 3 the world is open to you and you begin to eat, breath, crap and sleep the game. Things like class, work and social interaction are all distractions from your alone time with the game.

Video games and relationships continue to parallel each other.

Once you're comfortable with each other, you can start to be yourself around your gal. This includes regressing to Ramon-Noodle dinners together, not showering every time you see her and fluctuating in her presence.

You also get really good at, say, satisfying each other. This type of conditioning mimics Halo. Sure, throwing a Josh Beckett fastball from the other side of the stage to stick some noob is frickin' awesome the first time, but eventually the only pleasure you derive from the game is continual success in ranked online matches.

Unfortunately, all good things come to an end. Even with great games like Halo, you either get sick of it or something better comes along.

Sound familiar? Though grenading someone dead and watching their corpse fly into a man-cannon and shoot across the stage is fun, eventually it gets old. No matter how beautiful or gymnastically inclined your lady is, you'll get tired of her.

So why am I looking to get back together with Halo? Hooking up with Halo 3 is like dating a pretty girl with a never ending string of beautiful sisters.

The hits just keep on coming.

Greg Chick (gchick@bgsu.edu) is too hopped up on Mt. Dew Game Fuel to go on a real date.

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Activists ready to crash the Republican National Convention

By Amy Forliti
The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Shrouded in black, with a bandanna masking her face, a self-proclaimed anarchist slips into her combat boots and dashes through town, tossing a Molotov cocktail here, launching a bowling ball there.

The YouTube video is more parody than threat: The flaming cocktail ignites a charcoal grill, and the bowling ball knocks down pins instead of crashing through a Navy recruiting office window. But as the video fades to black, the message on-screen is clear: "We're getting ready. What are you doing?"

With less than 10 months to go before the Republican National Convention in Minneapolis-St. Paul, activists are already plotting to crash the party.

On the drawing board: A mass march to protest Iraq; human roadblocks; schemes to disrupt public transportation; and talk of a temporary free state near the main convention site, St. Paul's Xcel Energy Center.

With tens of thousands of people expected to visit the



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PROTESTERS: Linden Gawboy, left, Marie Braun, center and Jess Sundin picket outside the police community service office in St. Paul, Minn.

Twin Cities during the convention Sept. 1-4, local and federal law enforcement are getting ready as well.

Civil rights groups and attorneys are talking with police and demonstrators to ensure laws are followed during what will likely be the largest crush of people the state has

seen in years.

"It's better to be planning early rather than late," said Jordan Kushner, coordinator of the Legal Observer and Political Defense Committee, a committee within the National Lawyers Guild. "People have as much right to the streets as the Republicans who are com-

ing here to engage in their activities."

St. Paul Police Commander Doug Holtz said the city is working out details on how to accommodate protesters, but declined to go into them. "The city of St. Paul is going to be well-prepared to have an excellent convention," he said.

KNITTING

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and sell the items in the Union in October to make money to buy supplies to make the blankets for the rest of the semester.

This year the organization raised an estimation of \$500 and currently the members have made 12 blankets.

Warm Up BG is still a baby because it's still young and anyone interested in joining can come, whether or not knitting or crocheting is one's talent and the members will teach the new comers, Albertson said.

"I think for people out there that are creative and looking for an outlet that they are welcome to come and join us," Albertson said. "Knitting and crocheting

is my form of art and it allows students to escape from reading, studying, and math."

Albertson said the organization doesn't set a goal on how many blankets to make a year because knitting and crocheting is supposed to be relaxing and done during the members' leisure time.

"By setting a goal it would add pressure to the members," she said.

Albertson said knitting and crocheting is her stress reliever.

"I have a hard time relaxing because I tend to think what I should be doing when I am not doing anything and I just have nervous energy," she said. "But when I am knitting or crocheting I am relaxed because I am doing something with my hands during my free time but at the same

"Also, when I crochet, I still feel like I am having a productive day."

Jacquella Gray | Sophomore

I feel that I am doing something productive."

Vice president, Silvia Morales, sophomore, also has been part of Warm Up BG for over a year.

"I'm from Texas and we don't crochet and knit back at home," Morales said. "But when my friend was coming to pick me up for my birthday I saw her knitting a scarf and I wanted to learn how ever since."

Morales said she enjoys helping out the community and the

organization serves a good cause to shelters across Ohio.

Another student, Jacquella Gray, sophomore, said crocheting has become part of her life since her freshman year.

"I was part of Warm Up BG through the Chapman community last year and I really found it relaxing because it would help me forget about everything, especially if I had a bad day," Gray said. "Also when I crochet I still feel like I am having a productive day."

Last year the Chapman community at Kohl hall was part of Warm Up BG and each student had to crochet a square or two each week and at the end of the semester the organization put together all the crocheted and knitted squares as a blanket to donate to shelters.

Cincinnati: a city in the remaking

Officials and developers finally agree on how to reach their ideal Cincinnati

By Terry Kinney
The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — A gleaming downtown riverfront neighborhood of green space and high-rises for living, working and entertaining, a destination for visitors and a haven for young professionals and downsizing baby boomers: That's been the vision for decades in this city on the Ohio River.

But deal after proposed deal was shot down by lack of funding or political infighting. A classic case was the squabble between city and county officials over who owns the air rights over parking garages.

Now, cooperative agreements among the city, Hamilton County and the master developer have put the dream closer to fruition than it's ever been.

"We are stepping away from 10 years of disagreement and moving into 10 years of development," said Mayor Mark Mallory.

Developers still have to find about \$800 million, and public officials another \$200 million for infrastructure, to make it happen.

"The work is not done; it really is only beginning, in many ways," Councilman David Crowley noted as officials approved the enabling legislation at a recent meeting held at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. The center is the only building in a four-by-three-block area between the river and the downtown business district.

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Mark Mallory | Mayor

"The good news is the city and county appear to be on the same page and seem to be working reasonably well together, which is rare here," said Arn Bortz, a partner in Towne Properties, which is building other high-end housing nearby.

The area awaiting development covers about 18 acres between Paul Brown Stadium and Great American Ball Park, leaving about 40 acres for a riverfront park.

As far back as 1970, urban planners had hoped that construction of the old Riverfront Stadium would spur development in its downtown neighborhood, where there were only a few bars and a produce warehouse. But it remained mostly what it still is, a sea of surface parking lots, even after a proposal for "The Banks," as the area became known, was unveiled a decade ago.

The city and county finally put together a group headed by Cincinnati Reds owner Bob Castellini in May 2006 to line up a master developer and push the project forward.

Chlamydia cases reach all-time high, gonorrhea cases rise

By Mike Stobbe
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — More than 1 million cases of chlamydia were reported in the United States last year — the most ever reported for a sexually transmitted disease, federal health officials said yesterday.

"A new U.S. record," said Dr. John M. Douglas Jr. of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

More bad news: Gonorrhea rates are jumping again after hitting a record low, and an increasing number of cases are caused by a "superbug" version resistant to common antibiotics, federal officials said yesterday.

Syphilis is rising, too. The rate of congenital syphilis — which can deform or kill babies — rose for the first time in 15 years.

"Hopefully we will not see this turn into a trend," said Dr. Khalil Ghanem, an infectious diseases specialist at Johns Hopkins University's School of Medicine.

The CDC releases a report each year on chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis, three diseases caused by sexually transmitted bacteria.

Chlamydia is the most common. Nearly 1,031,000 cases were reported last year, up from 976,000 the year before.

The count broke the single-year record for reported cases of a sexually transmitted disease, which was 1,013,436 cases of gonorrhea, set in 1978.

Putting those numbers into rates, there were about 349 cases of chlamydia per 100,000 people in 2006, up 5.6 percent from the 329 per 100,000 rate in 2005.

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Dr. Khalil Ghanem | Infectious disease specialist

CDC officials say the chlamydia record may not be all bad news: They think the higher number is largely a result of better and more intensive screening.

Since 1993, the CDC has recommended annual screening in sexually active women ages 15 to 25. Meanwhile, urine and swab tests for the bacteria are getting better and are used more often, for men as well as women, said Douglas, director of the CDC's Division of Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention.

About three-quarters of women infected with chlamydia have no symptoms. Left untreated, the infection can spread and ultimately can lead to infertility. It's easily treated if caught early.

Health officials believe as many as 2.8 million new cases may actually be occurring each year, he added.

Chlamydia infection rates are more than seven times higher in black women than whites, and more than twice as high in black women than Hispanics. But it's a risk women of all races should consider, CDC officials said.

"If (health care) providers think young women in their practice don't have chlamydia, they should think again," said Dr. Stuart Berman, a CDC epidemiologist.

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EXPLOSION DAMAGE: Investigators survey the damaged after an explosion at an entrance to the Philippine House of Representatives in suburban Quezon City, north of Manila, late last night.

Philippine politician killed

By Oliver Teves
The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — A Philippine congressman who had been targeted by Muslim militants was among three people killed yesterday night when a bomb exploded at an entrance of the Philippine House of Representatives, police said.

Rep. Wahab Akbar, a former member of a Muslim rebel group that signed a peace accord with the government in 1996, died at the hospital, his chief of staff said.

Metropolitan Manila Police Chief Geary Barias said a lawmaker's driver and a congressional staff member were also killed. Seven other people were wounded, including two congresswomen.

Police and soldiers in the capital went on high alert, but Interior Secretary Ronaldo Puno sought to play down the possible involvement of Muslim extremists, saying the investigation was pointing away from a terrorist attack and "more of a directed assault on certain individual[s]."

"There were threats on [the] life of Akbar," Puno said. "The

indications are that that was the case both in terms of location of the bomb and the manner it was set off."

A number of cars were damaged outside the southern entrance to the building, where the blast hit after 8 p.m. as the House ended its session and lawmakers and their staff were being picked up by their drivers.

Investigators suspect the bomb may have been placed on one of two parked motorcycles then remotely detonated as Akbar approached his car, fatally wounding him and ripping the motorcycles apart, Barias said.

"It looks like Congressman Akbar was the target," Barias said.

Akbar, a former governor of southern Basilan province, had been targeted by the Abu Sayyaf Muslim extremist group in the past for launching offensives against them.

But he also had political opponents, including those that ran against one of his wives who succeeded him as governor of Basilan. Political rivalries in the southern Philippines are often solved with readily available weapons, and assassinations of politicians are common.

Putin to maintain strong influence

By Steve Gutterman
The Associated Press

KRASNOYARSK, Russia — President Vladimir Putin said yesterday a convincing victory for the party he is leading in next month's parliamentary elections would give him the "moral right" to maintain strong influence in Russia after he steps down next year.

Putin's remarks in Siberia were the clearest affirmation yet that he plans to keep a powerful hold on Russia's reins, but he stopped short of saying whether he would seek a formal role.

Putin said last month that he would lead the dominant party's ticket in the Dec. 2 elections to the State Duma, the lower house of parliament. The decision appeared to be aimed at boosting the United Russia party's chances and ensuring himself a power base when term limits force him from office next year.

"If the people vote for United Russia, it means that a clear majority of the people put their trust in me, and in turn that means I will have the moral right to hold those in the Duma and the Cabinet responsible for the implementation of the tasks that have been set as of today," Putin said while drinking tea with workers at a road construction site in Krasnoyarsk, a vast Siberian region that reaches beyond the Arctic Circle.

"In what form I will do this, I cannot yet give a direct answer. But various possibilities exist," Putin said in response to a question from a construction worker who asked what he would do after he leaves office and why he had decided to lead the United Russia ticket. "If the result is the one I am counting on, I will have this opportunity."

In the parliamentary elections, voters will choose only among parties, not individuals. Seats are allocated proportion-



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ADDRESSING ISSUES: Russian President Vladimir Putin talks with workers at their meeting in the Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk, Tuesday, Nov. 13.

ally to those parties that receive at least 7 percent of the vote.

The people who lead party tickets do not always take seats in parliament, and the Kremlin has said Putin has no intention of doing so. Since Putin agreed to head the United Russia ticket, the party has cast the election as a referendum on the president and the course he has set for the country.

Putin, who is immensely popular but barred by the constitution from seeking a third straight term in the March 2008 presidential election, has long indicated that he hopes to remain influential after stepping down and has not ruled out a bid to return to the Kremlin in 2012.

He said last month that he might become prime minister, but there have been indications that he would choose an informal path, using an overwhelming electoral victory for United Russia as a mandate to maintain authority as a national leader backed by the people.

Putin sought to reinforce that idea — and send a message to those who have expressed doubt that he can manage to keep his grip on the country after leaving office.

"As the old saying goes, 'Victory belongs not to those

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who have might on their side but to those who have truth on their side," Putin said. "This has deep meaning."

More pragmatically, Putin also stressed that the Duma has the power to reject the president's nominee for prime minister, suggesting that with the dominant party behind him, he would have a check on the president elected to succeed him.

Putin was in Krasnoyarsk for a meeting with regional governors

and Cabinet ministers focusing on the transport sector. He also met with students and instructors from major universities in Siberia and southern Russia.

For his first major trip inside Russia since the parliamentary campaign began — and what the Kremlin says is likely to be his last before the vote — he chose a region where voters gave him below-average support in the last national election.

Pakistan political dispute

By Matthew Rosenberg
The Associated Press

LAHORE, Pakistan — Opposition leader Benazir Bhutto yesterday called on President Gen. Pervez Musharraf to resign and ruled out serving under him in a future government after she was placed under house arrest for the second time in five days.

With the political turmoil deepening, Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte was headed to Pakistan and expected to reiterate Washington's calls for Musharraf to lift the state of emergency.

Musharraf's critics and chief international backers, including the United States, have said the restrictions imposed by the military leader — such as on independent media and rallies — would make it hard to hold a fair vote in upcoming parliamentary elections.

Bhutto was trapped in a padlocked house surrounded by thousands of riot police, trucks, tractors loaded with sand, and a row of metal barricades topped with barbed wire. She said it was now likely her Pakistan People's Party would boycott the January elections and ruled out serving another term as prime minister under Musharraf.

"I simply won't be able to believe anything he said to me," she told reporters by telephone from the house in Lahore where she was held to prevent her leading a protest procession.

Her comments appeared to bury hopes of the political rivals forming a pro-U.S. alliance against rising Islamic extremism. They had held months of talks that paved the way for Bhutto's return from exile last month to contest the parliamentary elections.

But Railways Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed, a close Musharraf ally, said he doubted Bhutto's had closed the door completely to any cooperation with the general.

"She talks one thing but walks in a different way," Ahmed said, saying her comments were a reaction to declining public support for her party.

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Bush vetoes health and education bill supported by Congress

By Jennifer Loven
The Associated Press

NEW ALBANY, Ind. — President Bush, escalating his budget battle with Congress, yesterday vetoed a spending measure for health and education programs prized by congressional Democrats.

He also signed a big increase in the Pentagon's non-war budget although the White House complained it contained "some unnecessary spending."

The president's action was announced on Air Force One as Bush flew to New Albany, Ind., on the Ohio River across from Louisville, Ky., for a speech criticizing the Democratic-led Congress on its budget priorities.

The White House said the \$606 billion education and health was loaded with 2,000 earmarks — lawmaker-sponsored projects that critics call pork-barrel spending — which Bush wants stripped from the bill.

"Some of its wasteful projects include a prison museum, a sailing school taught aboard a catamaran and a Portuguese-as-a-second-language program," the president said. "Congress owes the taxpayers much better than this effort."

It was sixth bill vetoed by Bush. Congress has overridden his veto only once, on a politically popular water projects measure.

Bush hammered Democrats for what he called a tax-and-spend philosophy.

"The Congress now sitting in Washington holds this philosophy," Bush told an audience of

business and community leaders. "The majority was elected on a pledge of fiscal responsibility, but so far it's acting like a teenager with a new credit card."

"This year alone, the leadership in Congress has proposed to spend \$22 billion more than my budget provides," the president said. "Now, some of them claim that's not really much of a difference. The scary part is, they seem to mean it."

More than any other spending bill, the education and health measure defines the differences between Bush and majority Democrats. The House fell three votes short of winning a veto-proof margin as it sent the measure to Bush.

Rep. David Obey, the Democratic chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, pounced immediately on Bush's veto.

"This is a bipartisan bill supported by over 50 Republicans," Obey said. "There has been virtually no criticism of its contents. It is clear the only reason the president vetoed this bill is pure politics."

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Bush "again vetoed a bipartisan and fiscally responsible bill that addresses the priorities of the American people: education for our children, assistance in paying skyrocketing energy costs, veterans' health care, and other urgent health research on cancer and other serious medical problems. At the same time, President Bush and his congressional allies demand hundreds of billions of dollars for the war in Iraq — none

The measure provides:

The bill which fell three votes short of being veto-proof in the House would have many effects.

- A 20 percent increase over Bush's request for job training programs.
- \$1.4 billion more than Bush's request for health research at the National Institutes of Health, a 5 percent increase.
- \$2.4 billion for heating subsidies for the poor, \$480 million more than Bush requested.
- \$665 million for grants to community action agencies: Bush sought to kill the program outright.
- \$65.6 billion for the Education Department, a 5 percent increase over 2007 spending and 8 percent more than Bush sought.
- a \$225 million increase for community health centers.

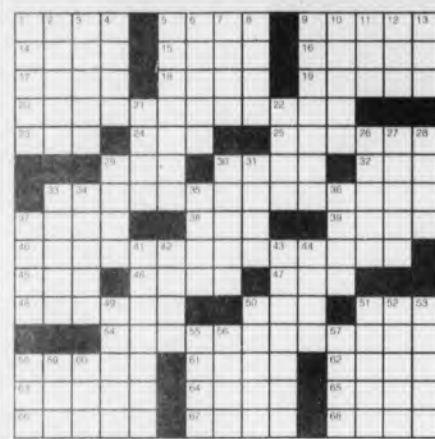
of it paid for."

Since winning re-election, Bush has sought to cut the labor, health and education measure below the prior year level. But lawmakers have rejected the cuts. The budget that Bush presented in February sought almost \$4 billion in cuts to this year's bill.

Democrats responded by adding \$10 billion to Bush's request for the 2008 bill. Democrats say spending increases for domestic programs are small compared with Bush's pending war request totaling almost \$200 billion.

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- 40 Loose magazine staffers?
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Debate rages after AIDS infects 4 organ recipients

By Lindsey Tanner
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — A troubling case in which a high-risk organ donor infected four patients with the AIDS virus and hepatitis has led medical ethicists to warn that patients need to know more about whose organs they're getting.

Public health officials said Tuesday the Chicago case is the first known instance of HIV transmission through organ transplants since 1986.

It's also the first ever known instance in which one organ donor has spread hepatitis C and HIV at the same time, said Dr. Matt Kuehnert of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The CDC and other public health officials are investigat-

"It's obviously very, very difficult because the availability of organs is such that if you pass, there's a possibility you won't get one."

Art Caplan, University of Pennsylvania medical ethicist

ing the Chicago cases.

But they emphasized that the risk of getting any disease from transplanted organs is less than 0.01 percent. Noting that more than 400,000 transplants have occurred nationwide in the past two decades, they called the transplant system safe.

But it's not 100 percent safe: Standard testing failed to detect HIV in the Chicago case. People waiting for organs should be told as much pertinent information as possible about poten-

tial donors, said University of Pennsylvania medical ethicist Art Caplan.

Transplant surgeons generally decide what information is given to patients and their families. Sometimes it's not much because of the circumstances — patients are very sick, organs are scarce and usable for only a short time, Caplan said.

"You really have to put your faith in the transplant surgeon," agreed Ronald Taubman, who received a kidney-pancreas

transplant six years ago.

The suburban Los Angeles man said he rejected one kidney because of concerns raised by his doctor, and was lucky that a better one became available.

But Caplan noted that not all patients have that choice.

"It's obviously very, very difficult because the availability of organs is such that if you pass, there's a possibility you won't get one," he said. Still, the Chicago case shows that to make an informed decision, patients "have a right to more information" than doctors often give, Caplan said.

Not every aspect of a potential donor's life is fair game, but patients have a right to know "if a donor dropped dead in a bathroom with a needle in his arm," Caplan said.

Drug lobby slows progress on Congressional bill

By Frederic J. Frommer
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Legislation aimed at speeding the availability of cheaper generic drugs has stalled in Congress in the face of major lobbying by the drug industry.

The Senate bill would ban most settlements known as "reverse payments," in which a brand-name company pays a generic manufacturer to delay the introduction of the generic drug. The Federal Trade Commission, which has called on Congress to take action, says such settlements could cost American consumers billions of dollars.

An Associated Press review of lobbying reports, from July

1, 2006, through June 30, 2007, found that \$38.8 million was spent by at least a dozen generic and brand-name companies and their trade associations on issues including the Senate legislation. The lobbying reports do not specify how much of that money was directed at the reverse payment bill, and they are not required by law to do so.

More than half of those expenses were piled up by the Pharmaceutical Research & Manufacturers of America, or PhRMA, which represents brand-name drug companies. PhRMA spent \$19.5 million in the 12-month period ending June 30 on in-house lobbying expenses, an increase of about \$3 million over the previous 12-month period.

And the Generic Pharmaceutical Association reported lobbying expenses of around \$420,000 for the first six months of this year. It did not report lobbying on the bill in its year-ending 2006 report. The remaining \$19 million was spent by a variety of drug companies, including Bayer Corp., Schering-Plough, Pfizer and Teva Pharmaceuticals USA.

"Lobbyists have a lot of influence in Washington," said the bill's sponsor, Sen. Herb Kohl, who chairs the Senate Judiciary subcommittee on antitrust, competition policy and consumer rights. "If we can just get this to a vote, it will be pretty hard for people to vote against it. A vote against this is a vote against consumers."

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